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\* A GREAT BIG BOOST FOR \*  
\* GRAND YOUNG NEBRASKA. \*  
\* Will Maupin's Weekly, the \*  
\* best single-handed booster Ne- \*  
\* braska has or ever had, came \*  
\* out in a blaze of glory last \*  
\* week with its "Nebraska In- \*  
\* dustries Number." Twenty- \*  
\* four pages carried an immense \*  
\* amount of highly interesting \*  
\* matter regarding the resources, \*  
\* attractions and opportunities of \*  
\* Nebraska, and also numerous ad- \*  
\* vertisements of manufacturing \*  
\* concerns who make good goods \*  
\* in Nebraska and are not afraid \*  
\* to let people know it. \*  
\* Will Maupin ought to be put \*  
\* on the state's payroll for life as \*  
\* official booster.—Omaha Trade \*  
\* Exhibit. \*  
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### A MODERN SAUL OF TARSUS.

A few days ago Mr. Bryan, having had his attention called to Governor Wilson's correspondence with Mr. Joline, declared that the exhibit merely proved Mr. Wilson to be a modern Saul of Tarsus. Far be it from us to take issue with Mr. Bryan on a matter involving the interpretation of the scriptures, for while admitting our own lack of scriptural knowledge we fain would admit Mr. Bryan's intimate knowledge thereof. But being free born, white and of the age of 21 we insist upon our prerogative of interpreting our own Bible.

And in insisting that Mr. Bryan was not happy in his parallel we do with the full knowledge that he has the advantage. So, also, we insist that this is not the first time Mr. Bryan has got his scriptural interpretation on crooked. We remember his famous remarks concerning Absolom, than whom a more treacherous, undutiful, unscrupulous young man never lived.

We are not opposing Mr. Wilson in his candidacy for the democratic nomination. In fact we are much more concerned about the quality of the corn used for seed in Nebraska than we are in the personality of any candidate for any office just now. But there are old time democrats hereabouts who would feel much better if Mr. Wilson were indeed more like Saul of Tarsus. We recall, from a more or less intimate study of the Good Book, that Saul, after long months of persecuting the saints, started down to Damascus to persecute some more, and a little harder. On this journey he saw a great light. Thus far we admit the likeness between Woodrow Wilson and Saul of Tarsus. But there now comes a hiatus therein. Saul, it will be remembered, was blind for some days, being restored to sight by Ananias. Thus we have it that Saul, after seeing his great light, was silent for at least three days—some seventy-two hours longer than the silence maintained by Mr. Wilson after his gazing upon the "great light." And, too, after being restored to sight Saul remained quietly with certain disciples of the faith for "certain days" before beginning the work of preaching the gospel. We have heard of no such tarrying with the disciples of the democratic faith on the part of Mr. Wilson. Indeed, his conversion and his sudden leap into the limelight as one of the chief spokesmen of the true democratic faith were coincident and contemporaneous. In this one respect, at least, the Princeton persecutor of the democratic saints has the Jeru-

salem persecutor of the primitive Christians backed off the boards.

Mr. Wilson may be all that Mr. Bryan claims for him. He may be indeed a modern Saul of Tarsus. We are not denying it; we are merely giving vent to our beliefs thereunto touching and appertaining. But we venture to remark that there are a lot of old-time democrats who are sorry that Saul of Princeton did not follow the example of Saul of Tarsus and abide, silently and prayerfully, in the humble abode of some democratic saint in a street called Straight, until some one whose faith had been tested and tried came along to counsel and advise him.

### JEROME H. SMITH.

The death of Judge Jerome H. Smith last Wednesday, although long expected by his family, himself and his associates, was none the less a shock. For many months Judge Smith has been suffering from an incurable disease, all that medical and surgical science being able to do being to prolong life for a time. During all his long and painful illness he was the same patient, kindly man that he was during his years of health and active business. A man of splendid ability, he soon became a leader in Nebraska politics, and for thirty years he held that position. As a district judge he evidenced more than usual judicial ability, and as a practitioner he assumed a high place at the bar of the state. In business he was as successful as in the practice of the law, and his business career was marked by energy, clearheadedness and square dealing. He was one of the promoters of the Citizens Railway company, and after the consolidation became secretary of the Traction company. For a number of years he was chief counsel of the Royal Highlanders, one of Nebraska's splendid fraternal organizations. He helped to build the state, and in every way his influence was for good. In his death Nebraska has lost a pioneer and a citizen whose work was always helpful and whose place can not easily be filled.

On March 1, 1917—just five years from now—Nebraska will be fifty years old. That means her semi-centennial. And it ought to be celebrated with pomp and circumstance. Nebraska can show more results for fifty years of effort than any other state in the Union—or any other equal expanse of territory in the world. Let's show the world.

Beautiful system—we "protect" the Massachusetts cotton manufacturer so he can pay American labor better wages, then we send the militia to convince the operatives that it is very wrong for them to make a concerted demand for what is coming to them.

Mr. Bryan's name has been withdrawn as a candidate for president before the Nebraska primaries. But it may yet appear upon the regular ticket handed out on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

All of Nebraska's congressional delegation voted to revise the steel schedule, although Sloan and Kinkaid tried to have the schedule recommitted. Revision of the tariff downward is a mighty uphill job.

Along about the first of July Mr. John O. Yeiser of Omaha may have an opportunity to declare while wriggling his finger with his thumb on his nose, "I told you so!"

We will cheerfully admit that Kansas needs a "blue sky" law much more than such a law is needed in Nebraska. Nebraskans are just a bit wiser.

The London Times is talking about a "flood of gold." Thus far we have managed to keep our heads above the surface of any such flood.

Yes, the little scrap between Woodrow Wilson and Henri Watterson is very interesting, but have you tested your seed corn?

If the hammerman will not cease hammering, hammer the hammerman with his own hammer.

Another innocent man has just been

hanged for murder. At any rate he declared his innocence to the very last. And he may have been, too. Isn't it time for a civilized people to quit murdering under the guise of law?

Noting that the department of agriculture says the four-footed hogs have decreased in number the Omaha World-Herald remarks that statistics relative to the two-footed variety of hog are not available. That's funny. We thought Omaha had a city directory, just like Lincoln.

Fred Cornell's suggestion that the railroads entering Lincoln abandon their separate ticket offices and establish a joint office is so sensible that of course the railroad managers will be awfully slow to take it up.

We don't take any stock in the free raw material scheme. What we want is absolute and unqualified free trade. We are tired of having the seat of our pants kicked out by the "infants" we so industriously protect.

State Fire Commissioner Randall calls attention to a coincidence. Nebraska, with the smallest percentage of illiterates of all the states, also has the smallest percentage of fire loss of all the states.

Mr. Roosevelt will run for president if shoved into the campaign by his friends. And Mr. Roosevelt is teetering on one leg right on the brink. A mighty little shove is all that is needed.

Kansas boasts of having more wealth per capita than any other state, but she lacks \$24.20 per capita of having as much wealth as Nebraska.

While President Taft is spraying his throat to preserve it, Teddy is airing his boomlet in order to get the smell of mothballs off.

Head Consul Talbot returns from the Chicago convention of the M. W.

A. with every evidence of having been able to protect his scalp against the onslaught of Mr. Sundean of Minneapolis.

If Col. John L. Webster will agree to repeat that famous "cheap wheat speech" we will guarantee to provide the hall free of any expense to him.

If you are not reading Mr. Connelley's articles on the judiciary, now running in Everybody's, you are missing the biggest sensation of the decade.

A reputation for economy builded by a state on neglect of its unfortunate wards, is not a good reputation.

We are beginning to understand why Mr. Darrow was so anxious to have a large defense fund handy.

Schoolmaster Wilson called Marse Henri "a nice old gentlemen"—and then the fur began flying.

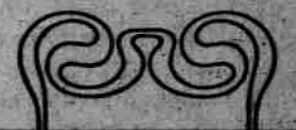
### SOCIALIST LECTURE COURSE.

The socialists of Lincoln have arranged for a lecture course, consisting of five lectures by the ablest leaders in the socialist movement. The first of these lectures will be by W. F. Ries, whose subject will be, "How we are gouged," and will be delivered on February 15. Other lectures will be as follows: February 29, Ernest Untermann on "Why things happen to happen." March 7, R. A. Maynard on "The war of the classes." March 14, Milla Tupper Maynard on "The trust busters." March 21, Ralph Korngold on "Socialists at work."

Tickets for the entire series are now offered for sale at \$1 each, and every purchaser may select from a printed list one dollar's worth of socialist literature or purchase a dollar's worth of literature and secure a free ticket admitting to all five lectures.

Socialism is demanding more and more attention every day. The time has gone by when it sufficed to sneer at the socialist propaganda. It has outgrown sneers, and is today demanding the best thought and attention of the world. Those who are in-

terested in learning the truth at first hand, or desirous of studying economic and social conditions, would do well to attend this lecture course.



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